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Honorable Thomas N. Downing, Chairman  
Select Committee on Assassinations  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

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The "moratorium" was imposed on the destruction of CIA records in 1975 during the investigation by the Senate Select Committee to Study Governmental Operations with Respect to Intelligence Activities and will expire on 10 December 1976. At that time regular document destruction will begin in accordance with records control schedules approved by the Archivist of the United States and subject to review by the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence. The Agency's policy in regard to the lifting of the destruction "moratorium" and the application of records control schedules to the orderly disposition of Agency records was published in the Federal Register, a copy of which is enclosed.

It is CIA's policy to fully support investigative bodies of the Executive, Legislative, or Judicial Branch, and we will continue to do so. Once the "moratorium" is lifted, we will destroy no materials which would appear to relate to your investigations or be of interest to your Committee. Further, we will make available the lists for disposition of records prepared for the <sup>Archivist</sup> ~~Archives~~ for your review at the same time the lists are reviewed by the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence. Material in the lists designated for destruction will not be destroyed until the Committee has completed its review. To date, 13 lists have been furnished to the Senate Select Committee and they will be made available for your review.

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Sincerely,

George Bush

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